

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Fig. 3 has been amended to change “3” to --3’--, and “1” to --1’--;

Fig. 4 has been amended to change “4” to --2--, and “1” to --1’--;

Fig. 5(A) has been amended to change “4” to --40--, “32” to --32’--, “3” to --3’’--, “1” to --1’’’,
and “321” to --321’--.

Fig. 8 has been amended to change “313” to --313’--.

Fig. 9 has been amended to change “32” to --32’’--, “3” to --3’’’--, “1” to --1’’’’--,
“31” to --31’’--, and “4” to --40--.

Fig. 10 has been amended to change “32” to --32’’--, and “31” to --31’’--.

Fig. 11 has been amended to change “3” to --3’’’’--, “1” to --1’’’’--, “71” to --71’--, “31” to --
31’’’--, 311” to --311’--, and “4” to --40--.

Attachment: Seven (7) Replacement Drawing Sheets (numbered 3/9 to 9/9, and
including Figs. 3-11)

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are all the claims pending in the application. New claims 13 and 14 have been added.

Response to Election of Species

In response to the Election of Species Requirement, dated August 3, 2007, Applicant elects Species V, Fig. 11 for examination on the merits. Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, and 8, are readable thereon.

Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims is found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 3, 4, 7, and 9-14.

Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings as because reference numerals were used to identify features in Figs. 1 & 2, and then reused to identify modifications of those features in Figs. 3+. Applicant has amended the drawings, as noted above, in order to alleviate this objection.

Specification

Applicant has amended the specification in order to make it consistent with the above-noted changes to the reference numerals in the drawings.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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